

### Hello!

We want to thank you for taking the time to read our story and considering our family for your precious child. We love God, family and friends and strive to demonstrate a life in which everyone feels loved and cared for. We have three biological children, Sage (age 7), Reese (age 5), and Caleb (age 3). Our parenting philosophy involves learning through experiences and



we want all of our children to love learning and to be able to do new things. Adoption has been in our hearts from the beginning of our journey and we are so looking forward to having the opportunity to add one more beautiful child to our family.

We volunteer at school, attend a local church, and are involved in many activities in our neighborhood, including swimming, softball, soccer, dance and gymnastics. We enjoy visiting our local parks and meeting up with friends. It fills our hearts to be in connection with our community. We are always up for weekend sports, swimming, trips or whatever adventure

comes our way!

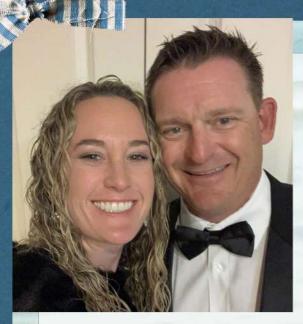








We currently live in Southern California and spend many hours in our backyard playing as a family with our three children and our dog, Mochi. Our home is bright, welcoming and decorated like the beach. We live in a beautiful family friendly neighborhood within walking distance to our school. Our children attend a wonderful private Christian school in which we are very involved. We live close to many beaches and we can be found stand-up paddle boarding and body surfing. Our family also owns a beach house where many weekend trips are enjoyed eating tacos, playing in the sand and surfing the waves.



### Our Story

We are Tim and Katie and our story began fourteen years ago in Orange County, California. We met at a water polo game where Katie was coaching and Tim was officiating. We fell in love shortly after and have been married now for eight years. We spent the first year of our marriage traveling and exploring the world

together. Then we decided to start a family and now have three wonderful children, Sage, Reese, and Caleb. As a family we put our faith in the Lord as our highest priority. The thought of adding to our family through adoption fills our hearts with joy!







The proposal happened when Tim was coaching a high school water Polo team in the state finals. His team won and he was thrown into the water as a part of the celebration with the ring in his pocket. Luckily, it remained there! We then went out to celebrate his win at a local restaurant with other coaches and friends and Tim officially proposed at the table. Katie jumped with excitement and was most definitely surprised!

We were married in California on July 6, 2014. Our wedding overlooked the water and we were surrounded by family and friends. Our honeymoon was a beautiful excursion. It lasted a total of three weeks, starting with backpacking in Greece and ending on the beaches in Greece. We took a plane, boat, ferry, train, and bus through Italy, Greece, Paris and Croatia. On our final days in Greece we were on a sunset cruise which took us swimming in the mud baths and eating straight from the sea, but we should have been on our flight back home. Oops! We missed our flight home but got to truly enjoy our last days relaxing and eating our way through Greece!



I grew up in California with a wonderful family. I always felt extremely fortunate to be adopted into a family that truly gave me every opportunity to be the best person I

could be. My parents gave me amazing experiences in a loving environment. I grew up playing sports, but found I had a passion for water polo, which I continued to play in college.

I enjoy time out in the garden growing all sorts of vegetables. I also love to coach! I currently coach a high school water polo team and all of our kids' recreation sports. I am truly passionate about teaching kids new skills and life lessons on a daily basis. I like to spend my free time exercising, playing the guitar, playing games and making puzzles with my kids. I volunteer often at church, build projects for family and friends and always find time to socialize with those that I am close to.

Church is a priority in our family. We regularly attend church on Sundays and I volunteer with the youth group throughout the week. As a parent, I am most looking forward to watching our kids grow and become their own individuals. I want to be

an instrument in guiding them into who they become. We are training our children to grow up and have God as the center of their life and have a life they feel fulfilled by.

### What Katie says about Tim...

"What I love most about Tim is that he puts God first and his family is his number one priority. I admire that he will drop everything he is doing to help someone out. He is

completely selfless. He is passionate about parenting our children, has endless amounts of patience, and always has a positive outlook toward everything he does. I have the biggest smile when I watch him interact with Sage, Reese and Caleb. Also, one of the funniest habits Tim has is that he wakes the whole house up when he sneezes!"

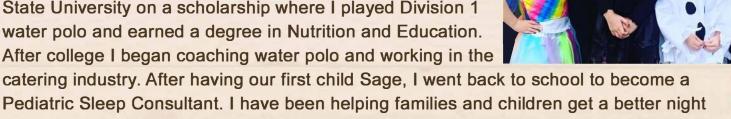






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I grew up in California and was raised in a big, loving family with seven siblings. I began playing water polo and softball at an early age and when I entered high school I decided on water polo to continue into college. I went to Arizona State University on a scholarship where I played Division 1 water polo and earned a degree in Nutrition and Education. After college I began coaching water polo and working in the



I truly enjoy cooking for my family and making charcuterie boards for my clients, family and friends. I also enjoy stand up paddle boarding, water skiing, snow skiing, beach days, volunteering in my kids' classes, going out to dinner and on walks with my girlfriends, exploring nature, and swimming.

I would consider myself a fun loving individual who is always putting others needs first. I am the group organizer and the party planner. I welcome everyone into our home and love feeding and serving others delicious food.

#### What Tim says about Katie...

sleep ever since!

"I love that Katie is so family oriented, so giving and welcoming, and makes an effort to include everyone around her. I truly love that Katie puts God first in her life. Being able to come home to Katie makes me smile every day! I enjoy her dance parties in the kitchen when everyone is being a little cranky and off the wall. She loves to lighten everyone's mood and show them how much she cares and loves them. One of my favorite memories is when we had our first baby together. Katie had the biggest smile on her face which made me feel so warm and happy to be starting a family together."



Sage is in first grade at a beautiful Christian school. She puts
God first in everything so does! She plays in a softball league
with her daddy as her coach, and in the summer she is on a swim
team called the Dolphins. Sage is also involved in a junior lifeguard
program where she learns all the beach safety rules for people and the
sea creatures. She plays piano and also practices her singing. She creates
beautiful art projects, crafts with lots of glue and pipe cleaners, and teaches
her brother and sister everything she is learning. Sage has the biggest heart
and is always taking care of others by making them gifts.

"I love being the oldest sister because I can teach my siblings how to draw pictures of their own interests and how to cut."

Reese is in a transitional kindergarten program at a beautiful school with a small, loving family environment. She excels at being a leader, teaching the younger students, reading to friends, and creating excellent art projects. She is currently playing softball in our local league and also has her daddy as a coach. Reese is also involved in a summer swim league. She is also involved in music lessons and was in her first piano recital this year. She is also a big fan of dance and has been in two recitals. Her favorite part is getting to dress up! Her favorite activity of all time is playing dress up with her sister, brother, and girlfriends. She has a closet full of dress up materials that are constantly being used.

"My favorite thing about being a sister is hugging my older sister Sage and giggling with my brother."

Caleb is a ball of energy who is full of life and has the biggest heart. He follows daddy around in the garden, constantly asks mommy what we are eating today, and follows his sisters to all their events. He is their biggest fan! He loves jumping on our trampoline and will ride his strider bike in our backyard for hours. Wheels are his jam and he loves riding his scooter and skateboard until it's bedtime. Caleb currently takes swim lessons and is learning each swim stroke. You cannot stop him from swimming back and forth in the pool! He also attends the school Reese goes to twice a week. He enjoys going to new parks, playing firefighter with his friends, and playing grocery store with his sisters.





## Family & Friends































# This is Us!



#### Tim's Favorite Things:

Food - Sushi

Sports - Green Bay because my family is from Wisconsin

Hobby - Guitar and gardening, which I have dreamed of teaching my kids

Animal - Turtle because they live a really long time. Plus they are wise and mellow

Movie - The Princess Bride because I like that the story is about a true love

Way to Relax - Gardening because I am enjoying nature in my own backyard

Game - Pinochle because it is a team game

Vacay - Greece because the people are so nice and it is so beautiful

Color - Blue because it reminds me of one of my favorite places to be, the ocean Bible Story - David and Goliath (with trust and faith in God all things are possible)









#### Katie's Favorite Things:

Food - Mediterranean

Ice Cream - Chocolate cookie dough

Guilty pleasure -Dark chocolate and oatmilk latte because they are so comforting
Sports team - Arizona State University in any sport because that is my Alma Mater
Hobby - Making charcuterie boards because it brings out my creative side
Animal - Dolphin because anything related to the ocean puts a smile on my face
Holiday - St. Patrick's Day because I have fond memories of the Leprechauns as a child

Vacation - Shaver Lake because we get to water ski, wake board, and tube from a boat Bible Story - Elijah (he completely trusted in God)

# Thank You!

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us and our family. We truly commend you for your strength and bravery in taking the steps to find a forever home for your child. We are so thankful you have chosen life for your precious baby and hope by reading our story you can tell that it is our desire to provide a loving home to your child.

We would love to get to know you as long as you feel comfortable. We are a family that includes everyone and we are always here to make you feel welcome.

From parent to parent, we want you to know that we will LOVE your child forever and always. We will build your baby up with the love of God, family and friends. We will constantly feed them with support and encouragement.

We are thankful that God put you in our lives to give us the opportunity to give your child a home filled with endless love and open arms. Thank you for your bravery and sacrifice.

With Much Love,

Tim, Katie, Sage, Reese, and Caleb





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